The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, the 20th December 1922, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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NEW MEMBER.

Mr. ALEXANDER MACLEAN MACDOUGALL took the prescribed oath of allegiance to the Crown and then took his seat.

II

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Education of the Pattani Mussalmans of Malabar.

612 *Q.*—Mr. A. D. M. BAVOTTI SAHIB : With reference to my question No. 204 at the meeting of the Council held on 14th September 1922 regarding the Pattani Mussalmans of Malabar and the answer thereto, will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased—

(*a*) to state whether the said Mussalmans are given the same facilities and concessions in the following respects as their Mappilla brethren :—

(i) scholarships to pupils in elementary and secondary schools ;

(ii) concessions for appointments in the Educational department ;

(iii) scholarships to pupils in the School of Commerce, Calicut ;

(iv) exemption from examination rules for public service ; and

(*b*) to call for a report from the head of the Educational department regarding the state and condition of education among the Pattani Mussalmans ?

A.—The Government have no information but will call for information.

Non-Mappilla Muhammadan representation in the Police department in Malabar.

613 *Q.*—Mr. A. D. M. BAVOTTI SAHIB : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether non-Mappilla Mussalmans of Malabar are given the same concessions and facilities in the selections of sub-inspectors of Police and whether there is at least a single non-Mappilla Muhammadan in Malabar as sub-inspector ?